

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Giordano for U.S. Senate Committee;) MUR 5453
BankNorth/Arthur A. Watson &)
Company, Inc.; Michael Watts)

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby
certify that on September 24, 2004, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to
take the following actions in MUR 5453:

1. Find reason to believe that BankNorth/Arthur A. Watson & Company, Inc. knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) and 441f.
2. Find reason to believe that Michael Watts knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) and 441f.
3. Enter into conciliation with BankNorth/Arthur A. Watson & Company, Inc. prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
4. Enter into conciliation with Michael Watts prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
5. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report #2 dated September 20, 2004.
6. Approve the Conciliation Agreements, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report #2 dated September 20, 2004.
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8. Approve the appropriate letters, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report #2 dated September 20, 2004.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub
voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

September 24, 2004
Date

Mary W. Dove
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Secretary of the Commission

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